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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Information Technology

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Chief, Information Management Staff, DO

SUBJECT: Rotational Tours in IMS Field Systems Group for
OIT Programmers

REFERENCE: Meeting chaired by DC/OIT, same subject, 9 July
1986

1. Pursuant to the agreement reached at the referent meeting, this memo will confirm IMS's desire to have two OIT programmers serve rotational tours with IMS/Field Systems Group (FSG).

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2. Reciprocal rotational assignments are much to the advantage of both of our organizations. For example, an FSG systems analyst, [REDACTED] currently is serving a broadening tour with OIT's Domestic Field Group (DMG). [REDACTED] C/DMG, is so pleased with the arrangement that he would like to have additional CRAFT officers serve on his staff. We endorse his view and stand ready to suggest candidates.

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3. In turn, we would benefit from having your officers work in the CRAFT program. The OIT programmers who would be assigned to FSG would work on tailoring and further developing the software of the Wang Alliance System to better meet the needs of the DO's field offices. They would also be tasked with evaluating commercial software packages and their additional development for possible use with Wang PCs [REDACTED]

4. We have slots graded up to the GS-13 level, but place no specific grade requirement with this request. It would be helpful if your candidates have a background in the PL-1 computer programming language, but it is not essential.

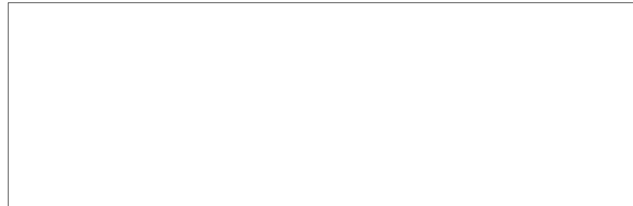
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5. Immediately upon assignment to FSG the programmers would commence learning how the Alliance System is programmed for field location use. They would also be enrolled in training on the PL-M programming language. Because of the time required for training, the desirable length of tour would be three years.

6. In the course of learning FSG's use of the Alliance system, and later in developing software enhancements, the
STAT programmers will have the opportunity to travel to [redacted]
STAT [redacted] overseas sites. They are likely to have extensive dealings
with DO officers who request additional computer capabilities
for their stations. We believe that the tours will be
challenging for the individuals and rewarding to OIT.

7. The IMS point of contact for further discussion will be
STAT [redacted] DC/FSG [redacted]

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